

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed January 23, 2006 and the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2005 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

In response to the Examiner's previous indication that claims 3, 11, and 21 contain allowable subject matter, claims 3, 11, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims from which each of these claims depend. Claims 1, 7, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, 8-10, 12, 19, 20, and 22 have been amended to now depend from claims 3, 11, and 21, which have been deemed to be allowable. Claims 15-17 have been amended to contain limitations similar to those deemed to make claims 3, 11, and 21 allowable over prior art. Claims 3, 8-11, and 16 have also been amended to correct typographical errors.

As a result of the amendments to include allowable subject matter in each claim, Applicant submits that claims 2-6, 8-17, and 19-24 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

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